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Pre-Military Training

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[redacted] at the Polytechnic Institute in GDANSK-WRZESZCZ /N 54-21, E 18-40/ [redacted] beginning in 1948, the student body of approximately 700 students was compelled to attend a military course in addition to its regular studies.

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The instructors were several Polish officers, names and ranks unknown, and one senior Polish officer, a lieutenant colonel (name unknown) who had been at the Institute since the course was started.

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The student body attended the course one day (eight hours) per week throughout the school year. During the summer months, the students were sent to a summer training camp for approximately one month.

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During the one day of training, the students carried rifles (type and manufacture unknown), and when marched in formation about the school area, they wore green twill military uniforms which closely resembled, and perhaps were, Polish Army uniforms.

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[] about 20% of the students left the Institute each year but that the yearly enrollment constantly remained at approximately 700 students. No further details.

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Military Border Guard (WOP - Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza)

[] the coastal area near GDANSK and GDYNIA /N 54-30, E 18-33/ was patrolled by sentries from the WOP. Any person found within 50 m. of the coast during the hours of darkness would be arrested by the sentries. Several persons inadvertently trespassed the coastal area, and the sentence imposed upon them consisted of a heavy money fine. No further details.

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Resistance Potential in Poland

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5. [] attitude [] of the people [] towards the present government was comparable to that of a population whose country was occupied by an undesirable foreign power, namely, to comply with any regulation or suffer the consequences. 25X1
6. [] the Communists were slowly losing ground because of the constant and detestable demands placed on party members. 25X1
7. [] 90% of the people would openly resist the present regime if given an opportunity or assured of support from outside sources. 25X1
8. Specific instances of anti-semitism were unknown. Yet, during 1952-1953 [] an unknown number of newspaper advertisements which publicly advertised the official changing of Jewish surnames to those having Polish endings. Reasons for changing of names were not known. 25X1
9. [] 25X1
10. Civilian disaffection could not be attributed to any single cause. Shortages of any commodities were considered inconsequential compared to occupation by a foreign power.
11. [] The majority of the youth appeared to convey an outward impression favorable to the party but whether this was a genuine feeling of party loyalty was very doubtful. 25X1
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13. Security forces existed to maintain internal security and to prevent subversive actions by the people. [] Morale of the security forces was not known; their attitude was presumed to be loyal to the government. 25X1
14. [] the resistance potential of the country to be 80%. 25X1
15. Manifestations of resistance by religious groups were not known.

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16. In Gdansk and Gdynia, at least 90% of the population would actively support and/or join allied forces if the following were disposed of:

- a. Known Office of Public Security (UBP-Urzad Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego) low-level agents.
- b. Local Communist Party Leaders
- c. Local police officials.

[redacted] the youth would be the first to respond to allied appeals under the above conditions. 25X1

[redacted] the populace [redacted] would actively participate in moves to liquidate security forces personnel if they were aided by allied personnel or if allied forces were approaching. No further details. 25X1 25X1

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